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Cost of Living (and McCarthy's Redbaiting) Hits New Peak

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The cost of living rose for the eighth straight month to a new record peak in mid-October, the Government reported today.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said prices rose 0.2 between mid-September and mid-October to put the new index figure at 115.4 percent of 1947-49 prices.

Higher prices were reported for housing, apparel, goods and services, medical care, personal care and recreation items such as motion picture

admission charges and radios and television sets.

Food prices were reported to be 0.2 percent lower than in mid-September, and 1.2 percent below October, 1952.

The rise in the index meant a two-cent pay increase for workers in the auto industry whose wages are told to be the SLS index.

The total increase in cost of living, since October, 1952, was 1.1 percent. Prices were 13.4 percent above June, 1950, just before the Korean war.

Happy Thanksgiving

It could be our readers were preoccupied with Thanksgiving preparations. Anyway, we received only \$333 yesterday in our fund campaign for \$80,000, leaving us with \$11,000 still to go and in a deep hole financially. Anyway, happy Thanksgiving and, along with your good time, think of the paper.

We'll report on yesterday's contributions tomorrow. Meanwhile, this is as good a chance as any to catch up on some that have not yet seen the light of day.

A Texas small-towner sends \$10 and writes: "It is not much, but maybe it will help your wonderful Daily Worker. It is the only

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paper I've ever read that tells the truth without fear, and is my life's motto: "Verite sans peur (truth without fear)."

A group of New Hampshire workers sends \$10 and there are contributions, too, from a small Arkansas town; from Allentown, Philadelphia and a small Pennsylvania town; from Detroit, Chicago and Bloomfield, N. J.

Paterson, N. J., workers contributed \$45 at a meeting addressed by correspondent Joe Starobin. And two villages in the Catskill area of upstate New York send \$25 each. Upstates have so far contributed close to \$2,200. We're looking for at least \$2,500 from them.

Illinois readers, incidentally, are only some \$30 short of reaching their \$2,000 goal. All other major areas, outside of New York and Philadelphia, have reached their goal, and several have gone well over.

A couple of additional Communist Party sections in New York have responded to the call of that Party's State Committee for every section to raise \$50 for our fund campaign. The Fordham section in the Bronx came through with \$30 of the \$50, and a west side, Manhattan, section came up with the entire \$50.

There is also \$16 from the Lincoln Square area.

Distributive workers contributed \$45 yesterday, and those tireless garment workers were along with another \$35, contributed by three garment workers. They've raised over \$2,500 so far.

A group of newspaper workers heard correspondent Joe Clark, former Moscow correspondent, on life under Socialism, raised \$124 and pledges for another \$125.

From Williamsburg and Bedford, Brooklyn comes \$7.50; a friend of many addresses sends \$8 refunded from music school, and hopes to send more when payday comes at the end of the month.

There is \$13 from the "Fordham girls" who have contributed before. "We're trying to keep the money rolling," they write, "and will send more soon." Several New Yorkers contribute tens and fives, threes, twos and ones.

An industrial worker contributed \$20 through Elihu Hicks. The Crown Heights Freedom of the Press Committee collected \$33 after a lecture on the McCarthyite menace by Milton Howard. A group of Bronx tenants gave \$20; there were varying amounts from friends in Washington Heights, Brooklyn, Bronx and a Manhattan shop worker.

Prison Head Ignores Peril To Thompson

James Bennett, Federal Director of Prisons, refused to regard Robert G. Thompson, Communist Party leader murderously assaulted in a Federal House of Detention, as a convalescent, it was revealed yesterday by Thompson's wife, Mrs. Leona Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson and her attorney, Robert Lewis, visited Bennett in Washington Tuesday to demand Thompson's removal from the N. Y. City Tombs where he is held in isolation.

Mrs. Thompson said that Bennett refused to consider Thompson's weakened condition, resulting from an iron pipe attack which crushed his skull. She said Bennett would consider Thompson only as a prisoner awaiting trial for contempt.

Mrs. Thompson asserted the continued imprisonment of the working-class hero in the Tombs was an immediate threat to his life. The surgeon who performed an operation on Thompson's brain following the attack had said that he needed at least six weeks complete rest, no strain or anxiety and adequate food and heat to guard against a fatal relapse.

Thompson is being held in the "drunk tank" where drunks and transient prisoners are kept for short periods. He has no mattress, and he has not been examined by a doctor despite his daily demand for medical attention.

Thompson's lawyers, in appealing for his transfer, told the court he has had a headache since Nov. 19 when he entered the Tombs. They pointed out headaches can indicate dangerous conditions following brain surgery.

Mrs. Thompson urged continued letters and telegrams to Bennett at the Homes Owners Loan Corporation Building, Washington, D. C.

An Editorial

THAT WAS a slick fake McCarthy pulled off in his national radio broadcast Tuesday night.

If you are not for Joe McCarthy, you are a "security risk." If you don't agree with McCarthy, you are a "traitor."

Everybody in the United States apparently is a "security risk" if he refuses to say "Heil" to this would-be Fuehrer.

The way McCarthy tells it, America has been ruled by "security risks" for 30 years—all through the New Deal under President Roosevelt; and all during Truman's administration. McCarthy isn't sure about Eisenhower either, he made it plain.

If our country wants to be "saved," it must turn to this self-appointed saviour.

If Eisenhower wants to escape the kind of job Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover did on Truman he had better step up his march down the McCarthy path—or else!

Such is the hoax this fast operator is trying to play on the United States.

FIVE YEARS AGO, he was begging his Wisconsin bank please to extend his unpaid bank loan!

Today, thanks to his "let-me-save-you-from-commun-

FOSTER DISCUSSES

The Lodge and McCarthy Outbursts

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ism" racket, he rides in new Cadillacs.

He is the darling boy of a group of Texas multi-millionaires who want to sell oil—they are backing him as the man who can guarantee them more profitable war.

WE LOOKED INTO the face of McCarthy as he made his radio spiel, and we saw a man who is hungry for war.

McCarthy is sick to his soul that America is at peace. He cannot swallow the fact that American blood is not flowing in Korea any more in that rotten "crusade for freedom" which he and MacArthur wanted to stretch into a world atomic massacre starting with China.

McCarthy—stooging for the oil millionaires who crave more war profits—makes peace almost equal to "treason."

McCarthy calls peace "appeasement." He is fronting for the Big Business outfits who are sick with fear that they may not get any more of the juicy war profits coined out of American boy's blood. But he demands still more appeasement of the German fascists and the Pearl Harbor war criminals.

McCarthy yapped for America to save its honor—by (Continued on Page 5)

If You Make a Phone Call, You're a Spy to Fuehrer McCarthy

By ELIHU S. HICKS

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy yesterday transformed a business telephone call about an insurance policy into "evidence" of espionage, with the conclusion that the insurance agent should be executed.

At the second day of open hearings at the U. S. Court House in Foley Square, McCarthy attacked a former sheetmetal worker, Harry Hyman now in the insurance business as "one of the most active espionage agents we have run down so far," and badgered a Columbia University professor about his associations with various other educators smeared by McCarthy and his congressional counterparts.

Following the open hearing, McCarthy's sub-committee went into executive session to interrogate (Continued on Page 6)

'Worker' Asks Chance to Answer McCarthy Attack

Alan Max, managing editor of the Daily Worker, yesterday asked the major radio and television networks to grant the paper "equal time and equal facilities" to reply to Senator McCarthy's attack upon the Daily Worker in his Tuesday speech.

The Federal Communications Commission was also notified by the Daily Worker of its request.

BRITISH IN KENYA GIVE BONUS FOR MURDER

NAIROBI, Kenya, Nov. 25.—Capt. Gerald Selby Lewis Griffiths of the Durham Light Infantry, was accused at a general court-martial of the murder of one of three Kikuyu forestry workers June 12.

The prosecution said he turned

a Bren gun on the Negro workers as they walked away from his jeep and then ordered a non-commissioned officer to finish them as the men lay writhing on the road.

Griffiths' counsel indicated he would base the defense on the

"tremendous rivalry" among the ers paid 70 cents or \$1.40 bonuses king's African rifles to see which to their men for each African unit could kill the most Negroes killed.

He said the competition was officially encouraged. The attorney charged some company command-

One unit, he said, kept a chart which showed the rising total of "official" and "unofficial" kills.

USSR, People's Democracies Improving Living Standards, UN Survey Concedes

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 25—The UN Economic Commission for Europe today conceded that the prime objective of current economic policy in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies is improvement of the people's living standards.

The admission was one of several important statements in the Commission's quarterly Economic Bulletin for Europe. Other developments reported were:

- "Western European countries are beginning to look to eastern Europe not simply as a source of dollar-saving imports but also as a

potentially expanding export market."

- "In Latin American and Middle Eastern markets, western Germany continued to advance at the expense of the United Kingdom."

- "In western Europe, the second quarter was again comparatively uneventful.... Although industrial production rose in most western European countries in the second quarter of 1958, the increase was in most countries largely seasonal."

The new issue of the ECE's quarterly Bulletin continues the previous issue's description and analysis of striking changes in economic policies in eastern European countries. While it reports that the changes are becoming common to all east European countries, it also stresses the necessity to distinguish between the USSR and other eastern European countries in this respect.

"On the most general level, the increased emphasis on consumption constitutes a sharper reversal of policy elsewhere in eastern Europe than in the USSR. In the latter country, the successive annual reductions in retail prices are evidence of a continued increase in

consumption during the last several years. The more rapid growth of consumption now envisaged is represented as a natural development in this trend, now that a particular level of economic development and military preparedness has been achieved.

"In other eastern European countries, by contrast, no such continuity of policy is claimed. The policy changes are, often explicitly, recognized as corrections of previous over-emphasis on investment and other forms of accumulation at the expense of consumption levels, which do not appear

to have improved."

Reductions in USSR retail prices and taxes and higher payments to farmers are expected to produce a substantial increase in disposable income, which it appears intended to match with increased supplies of consumer goods. According to the ECE Bulletin, the course of retail sales during the first half of the year suggests that this increase in consumption will, in fact, be realized. The Bulletin points out that official statements imply that this increase in the resources going to consumption "is not merely

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W. BERLIN OFFICIAL FLEES, BARES U. S. - RUN SPY RING

Daily Worker Foreign Department

Hans Joachim Geyer, deputy chief of a West Berlin center under direction of the U. S. State Department, has fled to the German Democratic Republic and brought all the files from his office, it was revealed this week by Democratic German report.

Fifty-two year old Geyer held a press conference in East Berlin last Nov. 9, the Report asserts. The conference was attended by representatives of American newspapers as well as by correspondents from French, British and German papers. However, no word of Geyer's sensational disclosures has appeared to date in the U. S. press.

According to Democratic German Report, Geyer gave a statement at the press conference which gives details of the work of his espionage organization. Passage from the statement declare as follows:

SPY'S STATEMENT

"My name is Hans Joachim Geyer, born in Rathenow on June 18, 1901, married, and father of three children.

"Up to October 29, 1953, I was deputy chief in West Berlin, under the alias 'Gnebel' of the espionage center known by the code name of 'X-9592.' This was part of the espionage organization headed by ex-General Gustav von Gehlen of the former fascist Wehrmacht.

"I have made a clean break with my criminal past and have asked the German Democratic Republic for asylum. As a sign of my honest intention I have handed over to the authorities of the German Democratic Republic all the secret documents from espionage center No. X-9592.

"When I began work for this espionage organization, I believed that I was thereby serving the interests of Germany. I soon discovered, however, that the activities of this organization were the exact opposite of being useful for Germany.

U. S. CONTROLLED

"The organization, which had been represented to me as a purely German affair, turned out to be an espionage organization commanded and financed by the Americans, working on the direct orders of the American Intelligence Service.

"The branches of the organization are disguised as business branches, X-9592 for instance, functioned under the name 'Firma Nordland' at 19 Apostel Strasse, Berlin Schoeneberg (American sector).

"The organization is headed by former fascist General Gehlen, and most of the members of the spy network are former officers from the Nazi espionage branches and other departments of the fascist Wehrmacht. The chief of espionage X-8970, for instance, was formerly a major of the Luftwaffe, and Westphal, alias Donner, chief of sub-section X was Lieutenant Colonel of the Luftwaffe.

"In recruiting agents in the Ger-

man Democratic Republic particular emphasis was laid upon persons such as former officers, former members of the SS and the Gestapo, and former general staff officers.

SS-VETS PREFERRED

"Other persons recruited as agents included cripples and old people who would not be suspected of acting as spies.

"The agents were given the task of carrying out all categories of economic, military and political espionage. They were particularly instructed to report details on the guarding of transport facilities, above all bridges.

"From November 1st this year a special 'research' department was to be established in spy center X-9592, charged with channelling spies and agents into the People's Democracies and the Soviet Union.

EQUIPMENT U.S.-MADE

"Particular attention was paid to the recruiting of radio operators, and the establishment of secret radio stations capable of transmitting information and receiving orders. The necessary radio apparatus was of American manufacture, and was provided by the American Intelligence Service.

"I came to realize that the work which I was doing was criminal, and finally I reached the conclusion that all measures taken by this organization only served the preparation of a new war of aggression against the East.

"This led me to end my activities in the spy ring, and to ask the Government of the German Democratic Republic for asylum.

"I take this opportunity to warn all Germans not to allow them-

selves to be taken in by rosy promises made by western agents. At the same time I appeal to my former colleagues in West Berlin and West Germany to take the same step that I have taken.

"I myself wish, through honest work, to make good what harm I have done in the service of this criminal spy ring in the service of the U. S."

GET CIC NUMBERS

Replying to questions put at the press conference, the former spy chief revealed that all West Berlin agents of the spy ring were issued with special "security numbers" by the American Counter Intelligence Corps. If they were arrested anywhere in western territory, or got into other difficulties, they were to flash this number and insist that they could make a statement only to an American officer of the CIC.

Colonel Borrman, an officer of the East German Security Service, told the press conference that investigations had shown that one of the U. S. spy offices in Berlin was situated at 18 Clay Alice, in the U. S. Sector. This office was headed by an American citizen calling himself Mr. Dean, who had an assistant calling himself Mr. Quints. Their liaison to the German spy group was maintained by another American named Mr. Adler. He was the man who actually paid out the money to the German agents.

The Gehlen spy ring is not confined to Germany, the press conference was told. Details had come to light in the past few days showing that it was also active in Paris and a number of provincial towns in the eastern part of France.

Postal Carriers Hit Order To Deliver Unaddressed Advertising

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 PP.—An order by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield requiring letter carriers to deliver unaddressed advertising matter along with the regular mail is a nuisance to the public and a threat to the jobs of

70,000 mailers, president Thomas Peth of Local 2, International Mailers Union, charged here.

Under the Summerfield ruling, private businesses can dump their advertising circulars in the post office without the name and address of the recipient and the letter carrier must put one in each mail box on his route.

"Who benefits?" Peth de-

smanded.

"Certainly not the public, which

is supposed to own the postal service and now will have its first-class mail deliveries slowed up by junk in the mail.

"Then, the letter carrier who trudges the streets in fair and foul weather—how does he feel about it? Since he's required to deposit one of these circulars in every box on his route, he's turned into a bill peddler delivering unwanted trash instead of the work involved in his title of letter carrier."

The only group benefitting from the order is the advertisers. "The postage rate is the same and they no longer have to address their mail," Peth said.

Launch Petition Drive To Save Wesley Wells

By DON WHEELDIN

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—A campaign for 25,000 signatures to petitions that Gov. Goodwin Knight grant executive clemency to Wesley Robert Wells by Christmas is under way here.

Wells, a Negro, is in San Quentin's death row, condemned to the gas chamber for throwing a spittoon at a prison guard.

The petition was unanimously approved at a meeting of Wells defense committee representatives from throughout the state. Deadline for the 25,000 signatures is Dec. 20.

Delegates told of stepped-up activities and a growing community response to their efforts.

Mrs. Della Byrd of Oakland, told of renewed pledges of support from the Negro community and Negro leaders.

"I visited Worshipful Master Armstrong of the Negro Masonic order, and leaders in the Eastern Star organization. In each instance, they pledged full support to the Wells campaign," Mrs. Byrd said.

Ida Rothstein, Civil Rights Congress director at San Francisco, praised "the very active, energetic Wells Defense Committee in Marin County."

UNION WORK

She reported that the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union has sent letters to all affiliated locals, and to every CIO and AFL local in Northern California, urging they join in the fight.

Highlight of the meeting was the report of Aubrey Grossman, one of Wells' defense lawyers, who reviewed the five year history of the case and linked it to the Martinsville Seven, Willie McGee and the Rosenberg case.

Grossman noted the increasingly favorable attitude of the Negro press and of "professional and religious persons." But he cautioned against underestimating the drive of many state officials for Wells' death.

Preston Hill of the Long Beach Wells Defense Committee said:

"Every newspaper in our city is

being contacted to purchase advertising to tell Wells' side of the story.

Gertrude Siminoff spoke for the West Jefferson area Wells Committee of Los Angeles. She said the first in a series of ads in the community newspapers is scheduled to appear Thursday.

Santa Monica-Venice representatives reported wide public display of Wells posters. A delegation is slated to see Gov. Knight at Los Angeles Monday.

West Hollywood chapter of the Civil Rights Congress placed an ad in the Los Angeles Reporter, community newspaper, urging letters of protest to Gov. Knight.

VALLEY ACTIVITY

Reports on Wells meetings in the Watts-Compton area were made by Oneal Cannon and William Herron.

Other participants reported on 5,000 pieces of Wells material distributed in San Fernando Valley, and the circulation of petitions among organizations in the Jewish community.

Poems by Angela Morgan and Ruth LePrade, dedicated to Wells, were read by Miss LePrade. The meeting was chaired by Marguerite Robinson, director of the Los Angeles CRC.

Send your contributions to P. O. Box 130, Gleaser Station, New York City 2, N. Y.; or bring them to 35 East 12th St., 8th Floor.

91 days

In San Francisco County Jail

Today is the 91st day that Sid Stein, working-class leader, will spend in the San Francisco County jail under the outrageous bail of \$86,000. He has been in jail since Aug. 27.

Friends of Sid Stein are now engaged in raising the bail money. They ask that anyone who can furnish bail should communicate with Mrs. Sophie Stein at ALgonquin 4-0233.

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168 mos. \$224.00 348 mos. \$528.00

174 mos. \$232.00 360 mos. \$5

Detroit 6 Ask Mistrial, Cite McCarthy's Speech

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Nov. 25.—A mistrial in the trial of the six Michigan working-class leaders was asked today because of the inflammatory witchhunt address of Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis) on TV last night, which was available to the jury. The motion was denied by Federal Judge Frank A. Picard, presiding at the trial of Saul Wellman, Thomas Dennis, William Allan, Nat Canley, Helen Winter and Philip Schatz.

Acting as his own attorney, Wellman said, McCarthy's speech "raised new issues in this trial" and was "bound to have an effect upon the jury."

Judge Picard, however, ordered stricken from the record, a front page of the Michigan Edition of *The Worker*, July 4, 1948, which he said was "inflammatory."

The government which was introducing the edition to place a story by Philip Schatz, "Connect Theory with Everyday Practical Work," immediately agreed to strike out the front page.

The significance of reading Schatz's article into the record is that writing an article that speaks of Marxism-Leninism is part of the government frameup.

The judge with great heat declared he wanted an objection to strike out the front page. The front page dealt with important stories: a July 4 editorial; an exposé of war profiteering; a picture of a family of three kids who had been living in a truck, being evicted onto the streets; and Detroit witnesses confirm the murder of a 15-year-old Negro youth by Detroit police.

While July 4 editorials are stricken, the lurid tales of double-dealing, Bernice Baldwin, planted in the Communist Party by the FBI during the Browder revisionist period in 1943, are graciously accepted as "evidence."

Baldwin was on the witness stand when Canley, Dennis and Wellman, acting as their own counsel, wanted to know why it was that a July 4 editorial was considered inflammatory.

The editorial was one that called for peace, security, freedom and independence, against the police state Mundy-Nixon, Smith Act and for a rededication to the principles of the Declaration of Independence.

That and other articles which the jury would probably have looked at when they studied the

exhibits pending a verdict were stricken.

These articles told of the U.S. Government pouring \$1 billion dollars into a "warm war" plan. One article told of how Mrs. One Brock tucks three children in their bed aboard an old truck that has served as their home since their eviction from a Chicago apartment on June 16, and of how this family is facing eviction even from the truck.

Another story was headlined in the front page of this July 4, 1948, edition tells the story of the murder of Leon Moseley, 15-year old Negro youth, who was shot in the back after a beating by Detroit cops. The story was written by Allan, one of the defendants, and tells of the funeral of Moseley in which Helen Winter, another defendant, participated.

It's no wonder that in this trial of the Communist Party, in which the government desperately seeking to hide the real aims of the working class party, such a clear picture of what the Party fights for was ruled out, even thought it meant ruling out an editorial on the Fourth of July.

THE LODGE AND McCARTHY OUTBURSTS

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The speeches on Tuesday of Sens. Lodge and McCarthy, the one in the United Nations and the other on a big national radio-television-press hookup, make it clear that the Republican reactionaries are aiming to carry the 1954 elections by means of an orgy of red-baiting. They are setting out to try to terrify the people into the fantastic belief that this country is in grave danger of being overwhelmed by a Soviet attack from abroad and by Communist "spies" from within and that only the McCarthyites can save you.

This whole conception is patently absurd on the face of it; but that makes it none the less dangerous. The success of Hitler in Germany demonstrated all too clearly the utter nonsense that people can be made to accept under the terrorism of intensive Soviet-hating and red-baiting; how they can be made to look away from their real problems and to march into the fatal war program of fascist big

business. And it can happen here, too, if the working class is not vigilant.

In their reactionary speeches, Lodge and McCarthy gave us a sickening dose of the ideological poison gas that we may expect increasingly from now on. Lodge, proceeding from the basis of the current spy hysteria in this country, in substance flagrantly accused the Soviet Union of trying to plot eventually to overthrow the United States Government by force and violence through the American Communist Party. This assertion is ridiculous, but it would be a grave error to underestimate the extent to which people, deceived and intimidated by red-baiting hysteria, can believe such nonsense.

McCarthy, more boldly expressing the strong fascist trends in the Republican Party (and also in the Democratic Party), in virtually so many words, accused ex-President Truman of treason. His blows, in reality, were directed against the whole labor-New Deal camp; it is an attempt to identify and condemn everything progressive as communist. This is the Hitler technique in all its menacing nakedness.

REDBAITING, in the current spy hysteria, has passed into a

new stage, as the Communist Party said it would. The Communists are no longer the main targets; now it is the New Dealers themselves who are under fire. The extreme arrogance of the red baiters is exemplified by the fact that they do not hesitate to attack even ex-President Truman, who, as his followers shamelessly boast, has probably done more than any other living man to fight Communism.

A special danger in the situation is the attitude of President Eisenhower, who is giving a graphic illustration of his political affinity with the McCarthys, Lodges, and their ilk. Instead of curbing these rabid red baiters, Eisenhower demagogically assures the people that the White case will not be an issue in the 1954 elections.

To fall victim to such Eisenhower assurances would be a fatal error, as this would disarm the people. On the contrary, organized labor and the people generally must realize that McCarthyism is going to be a central election issue and they must prepare, all-out, to fight it.

THE PRESENT SITUATION is a fundamental challenge to the labor movement, to the Negro people, and to all other liberal

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STUDENTS PICKET HEARING AIMED TO BAN JEFF SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A busload of Jefferson School students arrived here today, and immediately set up a spirited picket line around the Department of Justice attacking Brownell's attempt to close down the school.

The bus was decorated with large streamers reading "DEFEND THE RIGHT TO TEACH AND LEARN."

The students handed out thousands of leaflets.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The Subversive Activities Control Board trotted out one of its prize stooges, Bella Dodd, here today to open its attempt to force the Jefferson School of Social Science to register as a "Communist front."

Harry Sacher, attorney for the New York school, moved for a change of venue to New York on the grounds that the trip to Washington was a costly burden to the defense and made due process difficult, and also that the Washington atmosphere had become "overwhelmed by every reactionary attitude toward civil

rights." He was turned down by Thomas J. Herbert, chairman of the SACB, who also denied a motion that he disqualify himself as hearing officer.

Sacher in his opening statement pointed out that contrary to what the McCarran Act alleged, that "Communist fronts" concealed their aims, the Jefferson School PROCLAIMED itself a Marxist institution and even emphasized the fact because it felt the country needed a Marxist school. He made an eloquent case for the maintenance of the market place of ideas, openly debated.

Chief government spokesman was Adrian Fink, assistant to the Attorney General, who contended he show prove 26 or 27 facts showing that the Communist Party dominated and controlled the school, and that the school existed to support the Communist Party financially.

The first witness, Miss Dodd, a renegade from the Communist Party, went into her typical act, saying the school was formed on orders of the CP, naming people who allegedly attended National and State Committee meetings of the CP, and bringing in the Teachers' Union, AFL unions, and a page of the Daily Worker on the Rapp Coudert hearings in New York. She declared Alexander Trach-

Douglas Warns Of Growing Army Of Informers

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said last night the U.S. never would win the peace until it had done away with the "witchhunt and merchants of hate."

Speaking at a dinner of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Mr. Douglas said men and women were being condemned in the U.S. today "on the basis of hearsay, innuendo and guilt by association" and that these actions had made us suspect abroad. More than 1,200 Quakers attended.

"We put a cloak of anonymity over a growing underground of informers," Justice Douglas said. "Men are adjudged on the whispered accusations of faceless people not known to the accused . . . and the privacy of the home is increasingly invaded by wiretappers . . .

Anyone—a Communist, one with Communist affiliations, one with leftist tendencies, a Socialist, a liberal, or "just a plain Yankee

who does not like this business of the witchhunt and who shouts his protest—these are all put in the same classification," Mr. Douglas said.

"Anxieties and suspicions are aroused until a community does not know what to believe or whom to trust, until even old neighbors suspect one another," he said. "More and more people conclude that the only safe thing to do is to conform; either to stand silent or to join the hunt."

The Justice said our foreign policy started with the Bill of Rights and the "decline in our prestige abroad" was tied to the disrespect we had shown the rights of man at home.

Justice Douglas added Ameri-

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EDITORIAL PUT ON LEAFLETS

Today's editorial on McCarthy's speech can be made available for distribution in leaflet form if our readers wish. Please let us know.

Bradley Moves to Reorganize ILA Locals for NLRB Election

By HARRY RAYMOND

Capt. William V. Bradley, newly elected president of the independent International Longshoremen's Association, yesterday took steps to reorganize 72 locals of the New York District Council, charged by the AFL and State Crime Commission with being racket controlled.

The move, which included an immediate election of new officers to the District Council and revision of the union constitution and by-laws, was seen as paving the way for participation in pending NLRB elections between the ILA and the new AFL dock union. Bradley said he met Tuesday night with the old district council, which unanimously approved his reorganization program.

He said nominations for officers of the District Council will take place Tuesday and elections will be a month later. Under Ryan, there were no full-time officers in the council. Bradley said the new council president and secretary will serve on a full-time basis out of headquarters, 107 Washington St.

PROGRAM Bradley's program calls for complete reorganization of duties and fields of activities of interna-

Courtroom Gasps as Judge Tells Mrs. Gerson, 'Go Back to Russia'

A Brooklyn Federal judge told an astonished attorney defending the citizenship rights of Mrs. Sophie Gerson that his client ought to "go back to Russia where she'd be happy."

A subdued gasp welled up from the courtroom when Judge Robert Inch broke into the argument of defense counsel Royal Wilbur France with his impatient questioning. France was seeking dismissal of a denaturalization proceeding against Mrs. Gerson, wife of S. W. Gerson, New York Communist Party legislative chairman.

"What does she want to be a citizen for if she's a Communist?" Inch demanded.

France's voice rose slightly. "She's been here since she's 12 years old," he retorted. "She's married to an American citizen, she's raised a family here and she has an inalienable right of freedom of speech and association, except as limited by the Dennis decision."

The judge, appointed to the Federal bench in 1923 by President Calvin Coolidge, was obviously in-

credulous about the possibility of a Communist being a citizen.

"If you admit for purposes of argument that she was and still is a Communist, you still say she has the right to be a Communist?" he asked.

"That's correct," France replied. The Court cocked a quizzical eyebrow. "Why doesn't she go back to Russia where she'd be happy?" he insisted.

A murmur of indignation ran through the 20 housewives gathered in the old courtroom. France, a 66-year-old civil liberties lawyer and former economics professor, seemed momentarily nonplussed. With an evident effort to control himself, he replied evenly.

"Without meaning any disrespect to the Court, may I say that your Honor's very answer suggests that he already takes the position that she should leave the U.S."

His Honor, presumably neutral on issues before him, wasn't let-

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THE BRITISH, as we know, have built their royal family into a sort of national, or Empire-wide, symbol around which all of the people are supposed to unite. There are undoubtedly those in this country who would like to reduce our Presidency to the position of political neutrality occupied by British royalty. And the President, unfortunately, has been acting accordingly.

Though the dangerous political current of McCarthyism threatens more and more of our liberties with complete subversion, our President continues, parson-like, to deliver homilies to almost any group which extends him an invitation. He has become an expert on the "spirit" and the national "soul," but is woefully ignorant of such individual souls as Harold Velde, William Jenner, J. Edgar Hoover and Joseph McCarthy.

It is as if the nation's chief preacher had received a one-sided education, learning all about the cherubim and other celestial inhabitants but was helpless when his flock was attacked by Satan. He just knew nothing about the dweller in the nether regions and, besides, he just doesn't believe in attacking individuals.

THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES that all God's children should be brothers in his statements and pronouncements, but he chooses his political base among men like James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, Allen Shivers, of Texas, and Robert Kennon, of Louisiana.—Democrats all, and all Chief Executives of their states.

Yet many of those fear McCarthy and his political wolf pack hang on for dear life to the President's words, ignoring his actions, and his lack of action, just as though his generalized preachments and incantations might well conjure away

SO THIS IS Thanksgiving Day—1953. The Pilgrim Fathers established this first American holiday. Turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie are identified with it today. I hope all of you who read this column can afford them.

The Pilgrims had a lot to celebrate. They had arrived safely on a sturdy little boat, "The Mayflower", landed on a "stern and rock bound coast", of New England, found friendly Indians, who introduced them to wild turkey. They had fled to this wilderness from political and religious tyranny. They were heretics in their own land, poor refugees, nothing much socially. But as ancestors they were firsters.

Their proud posterity, Cabots and Lodges, D.A.R.'s and the like, look down their noses at common folks whose ancestors were later arrivals. But if all who now claim descent from the Mayflower are telling the truth, she must have been a ferry boat as large as the Queen Elizabeth.

However, intolerance for dissenters soon raised its ugly head in the colony, and their faith was made the state religion. Roger Williams, Anne Hutchinson and others were driven out because of their differences from established faith. Williams founded Rhode Island. Anne Hutchinson lost her life in a storm on Long Island Sound.

Later came the terrible Salem witchcraft trials, so graphically portrayed in Arthur Miller's recent play, "The Crucible."

FUTURE playwrights will undoubtedly shock audiences by portraying Foley Square with its thought control trials, the Rosenberg case, the Hiss case, and Congressional inquisitions staged there by McCarthy. The fate of Sacco and Vanzetti and the Rosenbergs is already the theme of song, story and plays abroad. Generations to come will view

On the Way

by Abner W. Berry

Is the President A Political Neutral?

the demons which presently menace us.

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking on Nov. 7, in Mobile, Ala., declared:

"While the Eisenhower administration has failed to live up to his campaign promises on labor and farm programs, it has, by and large, adhered to its pre-election pledges in the field of civil rights."

THREE DAYS AFTER Walter White's Mobile speech Eisenhower spoke in Washington before the annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a group which honors the "Lost Cause" of the former slaveholders. He recalled for these genteel ladies, who have never admitted defeat in the Civil War, that it was "a great pleasure and inspiration" to have studied the lives of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. The President thought out loud for the staunch Confederates that Lee and Jackson were more influential today than when they led Confederate armies.

Lee, in the words of the President, was among "a few great Americans," and he linked the Confederate general with Washington, Lincoln and Franklin. However, objective history does

not agree with the President's evaluation of Lee and Jackson any more than current objective democracy agrees with his estimate of Byrnes.

I submit that the President's performance so far might earn him the right to pose as an innocent symbol of a phony national unity around which Byrnes, Walter White, McCarthy, Truman, Charles E. Wilson and Walter Reuther—as minor symbols—might gather. But the record denies any claim that Dwight D. Eisenhower has championed civil rights—or that he has been anything more than dabbler in compromises. He has lived with us on the political earth of the Byrnes, Jenners, McCarthys and other führers while he dined intellectually in the heaven of Biblical imagery and rhetorical abstractions. The nation needs and deserves better from an "Executive who was chosen on the promise of vigorous leadership."

Why, then, on last Monday night was Eisenhower tendered the Democratic Legacy Award by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith? Was it really that the President had contributed more than any other American in 1953 to "the enrichment of America's democratic legacy"? The events of the past two weeks do not bear out the text accompanying the award. Awards with such texts,

it appears to me, should require more than the ability to remain above the political battle. Or do the well-to-do sponsors of the award want to further the myth of the Presidency as a neutral symbol?

WE CANNOT CONTINUE to be fascinated with the soft words of neutrality so often spoken by the President while the unneutral crooks make away with our rights and our heritage of freedom.

Of course, White found some shortcomings in Eisenhower's record to date, such as the appointment of Byrnes as U.S. delegate to the United Nations, the suspension of the non-discrimination clause in crop loan contracts between the government and southern banks and the failure to present a civil rights program to Congress. In the case of the southern banks, Byrnes roared like a lion for the right to practice racism in handling federal funds and, Eisenhower, not wishing to fight with individuals, let the racist have his way.

And those of us who are a part of the family of labor should be more disturbed than other Americans at the persistent attempts to establish Eisenhower as a sort of Everyman temporarily fallen among thieves.

Before the idea of the Eisenhower-as-symbol myth congeals, we should seek to unite around a more vigorous, patriotic symbol all of those who actively seek to save the nation from the peril of fascism embodied in McCarthyism. This fight needs more than the words of a President-preacher who seems forever attempting to transfer our real world problems from the hard facts of political life into that never never land of nebulous spirit. The McCarthys are too hard boiled to be afraid of ghosts.

how many of the seven million New Yorkers go to either?

The fact is millions of Americans will sit down to their Thanksgiving Day dinner, with worries as to what 1954 will bring. Many thousands are being laid off. Overtime is being cut. The economists are calling it "back to normal", a "mild recession", and "readjustment"—polite names for the beginning of a depression, slump, bad times. But if this trend continues it won't be long until this false front prosperity, built on installment plan buying, will take a terrible flop.

IT IS ESTIMATED that 20 percent of all American families, over 10,800,000 families, have no savings of any kind. Twenty eight million families, or 52 percent could not meet a minimum budget of living expenses last year. So it's one thing to live in a country where every luxury is possible and another thing to actually have them and be able to hang on to them. Park Ave. is one face of America, a sharecropper's cabin or a miner's shack is another. Lawrence, Mass., confounds all the tales of prosperity. The top ten percent of families have 66 percent of all savings. The bottom 50 percent have only one per cent. These are some of the real facts of American life—right now.

Sure, the American general standard of living is better than in some war-devastated countries, which have had no help from us to make a come-back. But what a shabby form of superiority to be thankful we are better off than people who faced air bombs day and night, whose countries were occupied, whose people fought and died that we might be safe 3,000 miles away? But let American workers not kid themselves.

The British see more clearly. The way ahead is either peaceful friendly trade relations with China, the Soviet Union and

Teachers Prove Cavallaro Is Jenner Stooge

Warning that the pending investigation of "subversion" by the Board of Higher Education is cause for "grave alarm" by the staffs of the city colleges, the executive committee of the New York Teachers Union College chapter recently documented Chairman Joseph B. Cavallaro's "kinship to the Congressional committees."

The union committee's statement, appearing in the Nov. 7 issue of New York Teacher News, declared "Any investigation of the political opinions of teachers, whether conducted by McCarthy, Jenner, Velde or the BHE is the same thing . . ." Cavallaro, it said, "is an outspoken admirer of Sen. (Joseph) McCarthy."

Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind) declared, as reported in the World-Telegram June 17, "There is no use duplicating their [the Board of Higher Education's] work," and in The Tablet of Oct. 10, "The subcommittee will observe with interest the work of Dr. Cavallaro's project."

The union committee declared Cavallaro had won the "affectionate support" of such admirers of Sen. McCarthy as Counterattack, General MacArthur and the Hearst press, and China lobbyists Alfred Kohlberg and Benjamin Schultz, "the rabbi without a congregation."

Schultz, it recalled, greeted Cavallaro's election to the BHE with the statement, "Let's be realistic. The battle against communism is only beginning." (World-Telegram, May 20.) The Post of Sept. 18 quoted Schultz as saying, "If [a man is] against McCarthy, or indifferent, he is serving the ends of the Kremlin . . ."

The Teachers Union Committee regarded the resolutions and policy statement adopted by the BHE Sept. 28 as so all-embracing that "it would follow that anyone who supported the principles of the New Deal or who whole-heartedly supported the government's aims in World War II" is suspect.

It recalled the New York Times July 5 account of Cavallaro's appearance at an Independence Day celebration in Brooklyn, in which the newspaper reported Cavallaro "dismissed as 'just plain bosh' the idea that 'teachers are living in an atmosphere of fear.'"

Against this, the Teachers Union committee cited Supreme Court Justice Douglas' dissent in the Feinberg law case, and concluded: "The black silence of fear does indeed envelop the classroom, and the faculty dining room as well."

The Board of Higher Education declared that members of the staffs called for investigation would be questioned on their activities and associates, adding that each member of the staff was directed "... to cooperate fully and to make a full and fair disclosure of all the facts within his knowledge."

The union committee recalled that Mayor Impellitteri, speaking at a luncheon given Cavallaro by the Schultz-Kohlberg Joint Committee Against Communism in New York "... promised his aid ... to get funds for the BHE to continue its efforts to rid city colleges of Communists and fellow travelers," according to the Times of Oct. 19.

Among the sponsors of that luncheon, according to the Teachers Union committee, was the Guardians of American Education listed as one of the 10 leading "enemies of public education" by the National Education Assn.

other countries, which will shift American industries from war to peacetime production for them and for us—or war that will annihilate civilization.

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making war on the 500,000,000 people of China, in alliance with the Hitler-Tokio generals who tried to smash the USA in World War II.

McCarthy gets sick to his stomach when he hears that peaceful trade is growing in the world!

He wants America to force "our allies" to extend war in Asia, not to trade.

Desperate, fascist-minded McCarthy—he is trying to stop the peaceful trade with oceans of American blood just when the world is moving to more and more peaceful trade between the capitalist and Socialist countries!

WHAT IS McCarthy's big FAKE? That he is "fighting communism" and "spies."

McCarthy never exposed a spy in his life. As a matter of fact, the FBI, despite all its high-powered publicity, has never found a single "spy" actually transmitting anything to anybody. All it has is fake "confessions" totally unsupported by evidence.

McCarthy is not hunting for "spies"—he is hunting down Democrats and Republicans who will not take orders from him and his war-hungry mob of would-be American fascists. That is the "communism" he is after.

HITLER CALLED all his opponents "Jews" or "agents of Jews."

McCarthy is trying this trick on the United States. He is making all Americans guilty, unless they can prove to McCarthy's satisfaction that they are not guilty.

McCarthy does it by his fascist-type lie that any American who stands on his rights under the Fifth Amendment is a "spy" or must work with "spies." Otherwise, why wouldn't they answer and deny it?

But if a witness denies the spy fake for which McCarthy has no evidence he surrenders all the rest of his legal rights to McCarthy, who can then demand he name other "spies" or go to jail for perjury or "contempt" on the basis of any hired stoolie's testimony.

The Catholic-haters in 16th century England used this trap. They demanded that the Catholic "confess" that he is a Catholic and be branded a criminal. If the Catholic insisted on his rights to privacy of religion, his silence was denounced as an admission that he belonged to "the Catholic conspiracy against the King."

SUCH IS the menace America faces, as McCarthyism unmasked its fascist face on Tuesday. McCarthy wants to take over! He is using to the hilt the forgery that to be a Communist is to be a criminal. From then on, he can brand anyone he pleases as a criminal of one kind or another! With this he is out to destroy the two-party system by decreeing the Democratic Party out of existence as "soft on communism."

McCarthy charged Truman with "putting party above country." But this cynic McCarthy is clearly trying to save his own party, the Republican, from defeat in 1954 by starting new wars in Asia "against communism," and by asking America to junk its traditional rules of Constitutional liberty and law.

MCCARTHY WANTS AMERICA to believe that if he takes over and "cleans out the spies," we will get lower taxes, no more draft of Americans into the army, and security for the American farmer and worker! But his whole program is one of more war, higher taxes, more draft of more boys, and national suicide 6,000 miles from home!

America must avoid the McCarthy trap—"if you are against spies, vote for me and the GOP in 1954." That is a fake issue. The issues are taxes, rent, wages, prices and above all world peace through negotiation! All Americans, regardless of their views on Marxism, communism, or Socialism, face this common need to go forward in the New Deal-labor-peace tradition.

McCarthy's attacks on the Democrats cannot be met by vain efforts to out-McCarthy McCarthy in new hunts for Communists or other political victims. To defend America's national safety, this new peril of McCarthyism must be seen for what it is—an internal conspiracy for fascism and war. It must be fought in all communities on all levels and by all patriots.

Of Things to Come

by John Pittman

The Department of "How Crazy Can We Get?"

AS A CORRESPONDENT of this newspaper accredited to the United Nations, I am not a stranger to the process whereby certain "Western" diplomats declare that night is day, the atom bomb a dove of peace, and an appeal for negotiations a "subtle Communist threat of war."

In the debates that rage in the big house on East River, reality is daily stood on its head. And it is not as Ambrose Bierce thought when he defined diplomat as one who "patriotically lies for his country." For most of the "Western" diplomats do not lie for their country or their nation. In fact, their lies are told in the interest of the enemies of their country and nation. They cannot even plead patriotism.

Be this as it may, however, one can become accustomed to it, conditioned, if you please, so as not to be shocked or even surprised when M. Hoppenot, for instance, solemnly assures the delegates that France is helping the peoples of Morocco and Tunisia along the road toward independence; or when M. Belaunde, himself an exploiter of Indian peons, asserts the Peruvian government's devotion to the ideals of freedom and justice for all; or when Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., blandly insists that the ring of U. S. a-bomb bases encircling the Soviet Union exists solely to defend the citizens of Wichita, Kansas, from Soviet encirclement.

Such palpable falsehoods seem, after a time, no more than the routine paraphernalia of cold war diplomacy. And the diplomats themselves appear to understand this fully. So that when M. Belaunde, for instance, comes to the part of his manuscript whereon he has instructed himself to "Shout and pound table—weak point!" the delegates seem to attend even more carefully to his words, as if to see how well he carries off the part. The technique of lying with a

straight face—indeed, with tones of conviction and deep feeling—is part of the game. And one senses about a majority of the delegates that they strive to perform before an audience, rather than to guard the interests of their nations, or to act for peace in the world.

BUT THIS DAILY exposure to deliberate and cold-blooded falsification fails to prepare me for some of the things currently being said and done by my countrymen outside the United Nations.

For instance, Adlai Stevenson's statement in Georgia, that the current attempt of the McCarthyites to destroy the Democratic Party with the label of "Communist spy" is analogous to the attempt of the Lincoln and Stevens Republicans to check the Democratic Party till it had purged its ranks of the slaveholding conspirators!

With all due respect for Stevenson's knack for clowning, this—I must stay—is to stand history on its head. Not only is there no possible parallel or similarity between the Republican Party of Lincoln and the Republican Party of Eisenhower, Dulles and McCarthy; but to compare the New Deal of Roosevelt, which actually saved the nation from worse ravages of capitalist depression and the aggression of Hitler's fascist axis, to the slaveholders' four-year effort to overthrow the government of the U. S. by force and violence—to make such a comparison, it seems to me, bespeaks an affliction more pitiable—and dangerous—than that of an incorrigible liar.

For the public learns to be on guard against the chronic perpetrator of frauds. But what insurance can anyone have against a mind capable of such preposterous and erratic inventions. Surely, there is need here for a specialist in mental disorder.

Or a fabrication equally irrational: consider the assertion of Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the Association's recent national convention, that the true representative of the rising colored peoples of Asia is Syngman Rhee!

One of the most hated men in the world, whom the billion masses of Asia consider a bought agent of Wall Street imperialism, is introduced to the representatives of the Negro people of the U. S. as THE symbol of Asian heroism!

This is of a piece with the effort made in the UN legal Committee by Archibald Carey, Jr., U. S. alternate delegate and Chicago Negro alderman with whom U. S. delegate James F. Byrnes refused to be photographed, to have the agent of Chiang Kai-shek designated by the committee chairman as "the Delegate of China." On the grounds, as Carey put it, that to call him otherwise would be discrimination!

It is of a piece with the proposal of Pittsburgh Courier editor and columnist George Schuyler that the NAACP's annual Spingarn Award to the Negro who had made the greatest contribution of the year to advance the interests of the Negro people be given to Manning Johnson, the FBI's professional stoolie-pigeon!

Such inexplicable behavior cannot, of course, be attributed to a mere propensity for lying. There is something deeper, more tragic here.

I strongly suspect that the anti-Communist obsession is actually producing forms of mental derangement among those who fall victim to it. And that jumping out of the window of a mental institution is not the only way such a malady expresses itself.

Another way, events are demonstrating, is to bare one's neck for the McCarthyite axe in the belief that the axe is meant only for the Communists.

UN Economic Survey of Europe

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a tactical response to transient circumstances . . . but represents a more fundamental change in policy on the distribution of resources."

The ECE figures show that there was no revival in East-West trade in the second quarter of this year. Trade with the Soviet Union remained far below the level of the corresponding quarter of 1952, in particular, imports from the Soviet Union largely because of the fall in British grain purchases.

The value of imports from other eastern European countries, on the other hand, regained the level of the second quarter of 1952. Larger purchases by the United Kingdom, of bacon and eggs from Poland and of timber from Poland and Czechoslovakia, were responsible for most of the expansion.

The Bulletin comments: "Eastern European countries appear now to be showing a greater interest in importing consumer goods at least as part of agreements covering heavy industrial products also and to be willing to supply in return a greater range of goods than previously, including even some items which up till now have been considered strategic supplies. For their part, western European countries are beginning to look to eastern Europe, not simply as a source of dollar saving imports, but also as a potentially expanding export market."

"Following the trade talks held in Geneva in April, a number of trade agreements have been concluded which either provide for an expansion of trade above present levels or establish trade relations which did not exist in the past. The Soviet Union and France concluded their first trade agreement since the war. This provides for a total turnover of about \$70 million as against actual trade in 1952 of only \$24.6 million. Another agreement in which greatly increased exchanges are envisaged is that concluded between Denmark and the USSR.

Among agreements were: USSR-Iceland; Hungary-France; Czechoslovakia-Western Germany; Czechoslovakia-Austria; Poland-Denmark; Austria-Bulgaria. The first Soviet-Argentine trade agreement has also been concluded providing for exchanges of \$150 million each way. Crude oil and petroleum by-products are to make up a large part of the Soviet Union's deliveries but it is also to supply \$30 million's worth of machinery. Argentine counter-deliveries will be wool, linseed oil, hides and skins and meat.

Bulletin figures show that since the third quarter of 1952 western Germany's exports to Latin America have exceeded those of the United Kingdom and that its relative importance as a source of imports into that region is growing. The Bulletin declares that the

expansion of western German imports to six Middle Eastern Countries (Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Syria) and the simultaneous decline in British exports, "although partly the result of political factors working in favor of western Germany and against the United Kingdom in some countries, is further evidence of the effectiveness of western Germany's export efforts."

"Energetic export promotion measures such as the liberal granting of credits and tax remission on export receipts, the supply of technical exports and advisers, the sending of trade missions to most countries of the Middle East, and German investment in plant, transportation and construction projects have made an important contribution to German trade expansion."

Bulletin figures on this trade give the following totals: western German exports to the six countries rose from \$41,700,000 F. O. B. in the first half of 1952 to \$58,000,000 F. O. B. in the first half of 1953, while western German imports from them rose from \$44,800,000 C. I. F. to \$62,000,000 C. I. F. United Kingdom exports dropped from \$146,500,000 F.O.B. in the first half of 1952 to \$177,500,000 F. O. B. in the first half of this year; imports dropped from \$164,200,000 C. I. F. to \$156,000,000 C. I. F. over the same period.

Douglas

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cans cannot think of Asians as "Americans who have gone wrong," but must realize that for centuries Asia has been exploited.

"The people of Asia," he said, "look on capitalism as an instrument for the exploitation of the multitude for the benefit of a few," he said. "Asia knows only an exploitative capitalism that returned 25 percent, 50 percent or even 100 percent a year to investors. Little was returned to the community where the money was made; labor standards were kept low and unions were outlawed. Asia's experience with capitalism is one reason why Asia is predominantly Socialist today."

At the conclusion of Douglas' speech, the toastmaster, M. Albert Linton, president of Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co., said:

"This speech should be read over and over again. Its message is appreciated after what has been happening here in this city for the past few days." He referred to the House Un-American Activities Committee's three-day hearing last week on Communism in the public schools.

ADA ASKS PRESIDENT ACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Americans for Democratic Action, citing President Eisenhower's statement at the B'nai B'rith banquet on the right of every man to face his accuser, yesterday urged Eisenhower "to translate your fine leadership in words into leadership in deeds."

Mrs. Gerson

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ting go, however.

"But the average man thinks she should go, doesn't he?"

"That's been inculcated in him these past years," France replied, a note of anger threading his words. "But in times of hysteria it is the particular duty of the courts to safeguard the rights of persons who may not be popular."

The concept that guilt is personal and that the government must make out a case against each individual Communist seemed somewhat strange to the court.

Declaring that his idea of Communism is "revolution and destruction of the freedoms of the United States," Inch demanded to know "why they convicted those fellows in the Southern District?" His reference was to Eugene Dennis and 10 other Communist leaders convicted under the Smith Act in 1949.

"Mere membership is not sufficient for conviction," France explained. He pointed out that the Constitution and laws require specific proof in each individual case.

Inch peered over his spectacles. "Then your client relies on the Constitution of the United States?" he asked.

"Yes, your Honor," France replied.

"A very convenient thing," Inch murmured. "Very convenient."

The Court was insistent that Mrs. Gerson waive her constitutional objections at this time and go to trial. She could raise all her objections then, he insisted. "But why place her to the expense and effort of a trial?" France replied.

Despite the interruptions and the evident cast of the judge's thinking, France managed to make his points, which he supported in

In Memoriam

ROBERT MINOR

Communist leader great artist and indefatigable fighter for the people.

A GROUP OF CROTON
FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

a 54-page brief signed by himself, Blanche Freedman and Gloria Agrin. France argued that Mrs. Gerson, who was naturalized in 1945, could not be tried under a 1950 law. That, he said, "would be retroactive and in violation of the Constitutional safeguards against ex post facto legislation."

He also argued that the complaint brought by the Attorney General "does not contain an affidavit showing good cause" for the present denaturalization action.

The Court granted the government's request for a delay to Dec. 7 to file an answering brief. Mrs. Gerson's attorneys were given to Dec. 10 to file a short reply.

The Court wound up on a querulous note. "All this talk about the Constitution and Communism," he explained. "I guess I'll have to make my judgement on the law as I see it."

Outside the courtroom, a knot of indignant housewives gathered about Mrs. Gerson on a note of complaint, too. "This will be brought to a lot of women in Brooklyn," one of them vowed. "That it will," the others echoed.

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and democratic forces. The fate of the United States, and probably of the world, depends upon how they meet this challenge.

A political victory for the Republicans in 1954, because of the red baiting manner in which the campaign will be conducted, would be a victory for the McCarthyites, or fascists. It would result in McCarthy becoming the leading Republican for President in 1956. Such an outcome could lead the country to the most serious economic, political and military disasters.

McCarthyism must be fought for what it is—developing American fascism. It is folly to try to defeat it along the lines now being generally followed by labor leaders and New Dealers (Reuther, Truman, Stevenson, Meany, et al), by trying to present themselves as more effective red baiters and Soviet haters than the McCarthyites. This insanity only feeds the voracious fascist monster. McCarthyism can be defeated only by attacking it fundamentally in its "anti-Communist crusade," which is based on the Big Lie that the Soviet Union is a war menace to this country.

THE COMING national elections, although a year off, are already a practical, living issue. This shows their enormous importance. The McCarthyites must be given a thorough licking in the elections. This can be done by creating a broad democratic coalition and by attacking the red baiters head-on; by keeping to the fore the great issues that are disturbing the people (and which the Republican reactionaries are so anxiously trying to obscure with their cloud of red baiting) namely, the growing economic crisis, the attack upon civil liberties now taking place on all fronts, and the continuing danger of war.

But above all, the united democratic forces must fight the McCarthyite doctrine of the inevitability of war, with which unfortunately their own ranks are also deeply penetrated. The whole fight of the democratic, peace-loving masses must be oriented upon the basis of carrying on international negotiations, for a five-power peace pact, and for the peaceful co-existence of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The 1954 elections will be a major test between the forces of warmongering fascism and those of democracy in this country. The whole world will anxiously await its outcome.

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McCarthy

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gate James J. Matles, director of Organization of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers a (UE).

Matles, in a letter to McCarthy before the hearing, accused him of conducting a "bogus spy hunt" aimed at passing inquisition around the Butler anti-labor bill.

At the open hearing McCarthy introduced nothing to support his railings against Hyman.

Armed with a list of his alleged out-of-town calls obtained from the telephone company, McCarthy accused Hyman of phoning Joseph Levitsky several months ago about "espionage."

Levitsky, a witness Tuesday, had asserted to the press that Hyman had phoned on selling insurance. Hyman yesterday confirmed this, and further asserted to McCarthy that he had never engaged in espionage.

But McCarthy pressed his provocative questions, concluding: "I'd say you have engaged in the same sort of espionage for which Julius Rosenberg was convicted and executed. Do you believe you should walk the streets of this country free, or have the same fate as the Rosenbergs?"

Hyman termed the question "outrageous" and refused to answer further.

McCarthy refused Hyman's demand for any evidence of a crime. Instead McCarthy introduced a list of alleged phone calls made by Hyman to firms out of the city.

McCarthy never bothered to explain when "spies" or "espionage agents" began to recruit each other and carry on their activities over the phone. His whole chain of "evidence" hinged on the fact that Levitsky had, in 1943, used Julius Rosenberg as a reference in applying for a job.

Both Hyman and Levitsky challenged the right of McCarthy's cabal to charge people with crimes and then proceeding to try them.

After 15 minutes of the closed hearing, Matles accused McCarthy of conducting a "one-man inquisition into the lives and beliefs of Americans."

Matles presented a sworn affidavit, which said:

"The policy of UE is unequivocally opposed to any acts of espionage or sabotage. I have never engaged in espionage or sabotage. Any imputation that the steward system of UE is an instrument for espionage or sabotage is a lie. During the UE's history of more than 18 years, I have not known of a single officer of UE who has ever been legally charged, much less convicted of spying or sabotage. All employees in our industry, working on secret work, are screened by the Army, Navy or FBI."

He pointed out that two grand juries had refused to indict him on charges brought by Cohn of perjury for signing T-H affidavits.

He declared the McCarthy hearings were designed to assist GE in its program of layoffs, speedup, downgrading and wage-cutting.

The Columbia professor, Dr. Harry Grundfest, refused to answer McCarthy's questions on political association, but declared he had never been engaged in espionage.

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When asked whether he believed that Communists should be permitted to remain as college professors, Dr. Grundfest refrained from answering, but because he refused to invoke the Fifth Amendment in not answering that question, McCarthy declared the professor would be cited for contempt.

McCarthy later asserted he would send the transcript to Columbia to try and have Dr. Grundfest fired.

McCarthy said he would also ask the Senate to cite Marcel Ullmann of Spotswood, N. J., for contempt for not answering an order to appear.

In a statement to the press Hyman made the following points:

"1—I have never worked at Fort Monmouth or in the Signal Corps.

"2—I know nothing about radar.

I was a sheet metal worker, not an engineer.

"3—I do not believe I ever met Julius Rosenberg, although I am told he was in the same union.

"4—McCarthy is not conducting a legislative investigation but character assassination in President Eisenhower's words, and McCarthyism as President Truman defined it.

Lacking precise charges and the opportunity for cross examination a witness is always in danger of framed testimony. Because of this the only safe road is to refuse to answer any material questions. An example of McCarthy's technique is the loaded 'espionage' question concerning a telephone call between myself and Mr. Levitsky. In actual fact this talk consisted of my suggestion that he buy life insurance."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Congressional comment on Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech was sparse today.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said McCarthy "seeks to undermine not only the former president but the present president as well, for what motive we do not know and will not speculate."

House Republicans whip Leslie C. Arends of Illinois said he did not hear McCarthy speak.

"Pocketbook issues" will play an overriding role in the 1954 elections, it was disclosed by Sens. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), Robert S. Kerr (D-Okl.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.).

Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) author of the anti-union Butler Bill, said he thought the McCarthy Speech "was wonderful".

ILA

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Council shall "be elected by secret ballot" for a period not to exceed four years.

He demanded a "uniform system of bookkeeping," including yearly audits and financial statements, and immediate appointment of a general organizer.

"The district council hasn't functioned as I would like it to," Bradley declared. John J. Cannon is now council president.

Asked what the ILA planned to do when the government hiring halls open Dec. 1, Bradley said:

"There is no cause of worry. I am going to confer with the Waterfront Commission Friday. I don't think there will be too much confusion if the commission does what it says it will do."

The ILA is opposing the Waterfront Commission hiring halls and registration in an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Bradley said ILA leaders had "quite a few meetings" with representatives of the CIO, AFL and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, where ILA affiliation was discussed.

He explained there could be no affiliation without an ILA referendum.

Asked if he thought the longshoremen would strike Dec. 24 when the T-H ban is lifted, Bradley said: "I wouldn't want to be quoted on that."

Jeff School

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tenberg, publisher and one of the current New York Smith Act defendants appealing a sentence, was the boss of the school for the CP, and also brought in the names of V. J. Jerome, David Goldway, Earl Browder, and Gil Green as connected with the school.

She was vague on dates and places of alleged meetings dealing with the school, saying under questioning that the meeting was held "some place."

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The Comic Book Problem

American children, starting at the age of four, are being subjected to the most intense and continuous education in sex, sadism, techniques of torture and murder, hatred of their fellow men and the worship of anti-social power any group of children have ever been subjected to in all history.

A hair raising report on the contents of the estimated 80 million comic books sold per month in the U.S. and their effects on children is contained in the November issue of Ladies' Home Journal. It's titled "What Parents Don't Know About Comic Books" and written by Dr. Fredric Wertham. He points out, among other things, that in 1952 the Pacific Fleet Command banned the sale of most war comic books in naval stores on the ground that they were too gory—for the minds of adults engaged in war against Korea!



Those who preach that crime don't pay must be having a hard time with some recent statistics released by the state of Nevada on the take from the gambling casinos. Based on taxes paid by the gamblers, last year's profits were \$82 million. Since the house cut runs around 5 percent, this would make the turnover for all forms of gambling around \$1½ billion. The total assessed value of the state of Nevada is \$345 million.

The most popular song at the recent summer school held by the United Auto Workers at California Hot Springs had to do with "The Give-Away Boys in Washington." It was sung to the tune of "A Rambling Wreck from Georgia Tech," and went like this:

The give-away boys in Washington
Are busy as can be.

They're giving away the TVA
And the U.S. Treasury.

They've robbed us of the tidelands oil
And brother, they're not done,

The give-away boys, the give-away boys
Way down in Washington.

CHORUS: The give-away boys, the give-away boys, way down in Washington.

There's many a way to rob and steal
If ever you get the yen,

You can do it with a forty-four
Or with a fountain pen.

You can do a very thorough job
And never use a gun

Like the give-away boys, the give-away boys
Way down in Washington.

(Chorus)

The give-away boys in Washington
Are giving away the dams.
They don't give a damn whose dams they are
As long as they're Uncle Sam's.
Now watch the public power lines,
They'll steal 'em one by one.
The give-away boys, the give-away boys,
Way down in Washington.

(Chorus)

The theme music from Charlie Chaplin's "Limelight" is still a best seller in England. . . . Movie critics in Denmark are said to have set some sort of record in the intensity of the scorn poured on "Salome." The actors were panned individually and collectively, the picture was panned for itself and the whole production generally described as an insult to the Bible. . . . Efforts are being made to revive some neglected elements of the Olympic Games as they were presented in ancient Greece. The games used to include contests in singing, flute playing, story-telling, poetry recitation and painting. The Greeks also went in for male and female beauty contests, "staying awake" competitions and kissing games. What's good enough for Grandpa. . . . —M.R.

MILLER'S EARLY POWERFUL PLAY NOW AT HUDSON GUILD

By BEN LEVINE

"All My Sons" was the first Arthur Miller play produced on Broadway, many years ago. Those who first became aware of Miller's splendid talent through "Death of a Salesman," will welcome the opportunity to see his earlier work, which in many ways packs a more powerful punch.

The Hudson Guild, at 236 W. 27 St., therefore made a wise decision in producing "All My Sons," and offers a well-directed and well-acted revival.

The play, dealing with the tragedy of a war profiteer's family, is as timely as when it was first presented, for while World War II is over, the war profiteers are still with us and they are even more numerous and dangerous.

The story, it will be recalled, is about a small capitalist who permits imperfect plane parts to be the son who slowly discovers his shipped out rather than lose out father's guilt and finally spurns his on his government contract. One father's war profits, also rises to the emotional heights of this ab- and his second son disowns the sorrows of this complex part requires.

George Tasker, as Chris Keller, the father when he discovers the truth. The play ends in the capitalist's suicide.

The play, as Miller works it out and as an audience would see it today, is more than an expose of a war profiteer. In it, a present audience can see capitalists in general, whose profits are now so largely based, directly or indirectly, on armaments.

Joe Keller, the father, rationalizes that all he has done is for the sake of his family. Keller's narrow greed for profit that has no room for anyone outside his immediate circle, his joyous backslapping when his crimes are undiscovered and his fits of remorse when he is exposed, are vividly portrayed by Liam Lenihan with all the subtle shadings that this complex part requires.

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'Take High Ground' Stereotyped Film On Army Life

"Take the High Ground," MGM's film on army training is a recruiting poster you have seen before and will not want to see again. It's at the Mayfair.

All the GI stereotypes are in, performing before a fine display of U.S. Army equipment in color.

There is the professional training sergeant, with a chest full of campaign ribbons and a sleeve covered by service stripes. Though he brutalizes his men to toughen them for Korean War combat he really hides a tender heart behind his hard-boiled manners.

There's the kid who didn't think he could make it until the sergeant "beat some sense" into his peace-loving head.

There's the broken-hearted girl camp follower to supply the opportunity for some fast dialogue and he-man supremacy.

And the chaplain, who helps the recruits to understand their hatred for the sergeant is wrong.

The basic weakness of this gas chamber, infiltration course, obstacle run, firing line, scrub-the-barracks, "this here now army" story stems out of the basic dishonesty of the screenplay by Millard Kaufman.

No attempt is made to portray the real reasons behind the Army's futile attempt to convince the men that they have a just cause to fight for a cause rejected by an overwhelming majority of the American people.

Instead the assumption that the men are preparing for a patriotic war in Korea is injected by trying to recapture the spirit in which men trained in World War II, a just war.

The attempt is made to palm off the morale of the 1942 GI as the 1953 attitude toward army service.

This dishonesty is made more distasteful by putting the device into the mouth of an American Indian draftee, who, when asked why he is fighting, replies:

"Simple. I'm an Indian fighting for my country."

Another place the film fails is in the attempt to portray Negro recruits as democratically integrated into the service. Scenes of social life on and off the post show no Negro soldiers although they are abundantly present in the drills and training.

Richard Widmark, as the sergeant; Karl Malden, as the other leading non-com; and Elsa Steward as the camp follower, make valiant attempts to breathe life into their characters, but the task was too much for them.—T.K.

his capitalist father with the terrible question: Don't you have a country? he evokes a symbolic image not only of a guilty traitor but of a guilty traitorous class, of a capitalist class that can live only by war and whose expulsion from history's stage, through the action of the world's peace forces, is inevitable.

Michael Cappella does a convincing performance as the son of the business partner victimized by Keller.

Al Nadler, the director, has, as in the previous Hudson Guild production, "Home of the Brave," achieved a pace that holds the attention from the opening scene to the final curtain.

"All My Sons" will be repeated by the Hudson Guild players tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday evenings. The following Friday and Saturday Arthur Laurents' "Home of the Brave" will be performed.

on the scoreboard—

by LESTER RODNEY

Welcome, Alston

MOST HOPEFUL THING for Dodger fans in the press interview with new manager Walt Alston Tuesday was his answer to the question "What style of play do you prefer?" Replied Alston: "The matter of technique is something that can only be determined by the type of ball club. I would never try asking my players to do something for which they are not fitted."

If this means not trying to impose fixed strategic notions about bunting in certain situations, etc., on the heaviest hitting team in National League history, it is all to the good.

We know little about Alston except for two things:

1—His minor league managerial record is excellent, which is important but not necessarily decisive since the Brooklyn farm system is well stocked with talent.

2—Dodgers who have played under him like the way he goes about things. He was the manager at Nashua in the New England League when Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella broke minor league jinxes there, and they remember him well.

Anyhow, good luck. If the Dodgers can win the pennant again, which seems likely for a team which ran away and hid like the '53 club, and the Yanks are the party of the second part, which also seems fairly likely, all Walt has to do is pretend it is Montreal against Kansas City, the Yankees' main farm team. The Alston led Royals downed KC in the Little World Series last month four games to one. Dodger fans will settle for four game to three if need be.

How to Ruin Pro Basketball

WHAT'S WRONG with the Boston Celtics of the pro basketball league? Are you kidding? They're so tired they can hardly run.

Before the staggering regular season schedule of 70 games ever began, the Boston management made them play 20 exhibition games in 21 nights, 14 straight at one stretch! They ran the starch right out of Macauley, Cousy, Sharman and company for the exhibition bucks. The Knicks were not put through any such wringer and the results are showing.

Right now the Celtics are engaged in playing five games in six nights.

It's happened before and it's happening again. The mad grab for the quickest possible buck is squeezing the life out of what could be a well balanced league with an interesting schedule. The fans will tire of this rat race faster than the moguls think.

Iowa Coach Speaks Out, and Now!

IT SEEMS THAT after a few days of official "diplomatic" silence, Coach Forest Evashevski of Iowa either was told he could speak his mind or decided on his own to do just that.

We have a report from Iowa City of the young coach telling a jammed and cheering student rally "Don't celebrate a tie tonight, celebrate a victory, I was there and if ever a team won a victory this one did." On a television interview later he made the pointed remark that in the Big Ten the coaches did not teach their players to fake injury, that they had a Gentlemen's Agreement on it branding it unethical.

In "poetry," the coach told the students bluntly that Iowa was "gypped" (his word), saying: "When the great scorer comes to write against our name, he won't write whether we won or lost; but how we got gypped at Notre Dame."

"Informant" from Iowa City asks "did you know that this is a state university, and the team includes three Negro players who were in the thick of the glorious victory. It is mostly a sophomore team. Look out next year, Notre Dame!"

Interesting tipoff on the way many fans feel may be the fact that the Daily News' Inquiring Photographer yesterday printed five answers to the question "How do you feel about the Notre Dame football players faking injuries to gain more time in last Saturday's game with Iowa?" Of the five, three rapped Notre Dame, two defended them. One of the latter thought the coaches should agree to abolish the practice now.

Jack Hooke of Queens said it "violates the ethics of the game," "isn't sportsmanship," and should incur a penalty of 15 yards.

Herman Amron said "... I feel that Iowa actually won this game..."

Frances Kortrey, a woman, said "I was surprised to see a great team like Notre Dame resort to faking of any kind. The players are deadly serious about winning; they even pray for victory before each game. And since they are among the best in the country, why should they fake? The tie score did Notre Dame more harm than good."

Chick Kardale: "This is another incident which proves that football today is a coach's game. The very players who faked injuries were designated in advance. They did what they were told to do..."

Angelo Pucci of Nutley said "It was good strategy... Notre Dame is being made the goat because the team wins so consistently."

At the annual New York Baseball Writers Association meeting Tuesday night (in which officers are elected, awards voted, etc.), I heard scribes say that their mail and phone calls are running heavily against the Notre Dame tactics.

All this is not unimportant. It dramatizes, through a meaningless football game, the fact that there is a vast traditional sense of sportsmanship, ethics and fair play which has not been destroyed in our land. In spite of McCarthy, Brownell and company.

\$\$\$\$ Dep't

THANKS FOR the many kind words on the Tuesday column about "Ends and Means," but how about some \$\$\$ with the kind words? We did get some money for the fund drive the last few days, however.

E and C of the Bronx, \$25, and they want a column on wrestling. Two named Lou, of New York, \$15. Friend of Washington Heights, \$5. "Sports Lover" of Connecticut, \$5. "Old Faithful" WR and E.S.R. of New Orleans, \$2. PRN, \$2, his twelfth such. Nothing personal, but I bet he can't afford it as well as some who haven't done as well. Thanks to all.

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Ku Kluxers

CHICAGO.—Ku Klux Klan organizers are pouring oil on the racist fires which have been raging around the Trumbull Park Homes.

Two meetings were staged in the community recently with speakers who are known organizers of Klan terror.

At a meeting at Liberty Hall, 817 E. 92 St., called by the native Association, the theme was race hatred, sounded by George Sudbeck, state chairman of the

Fan New Attacks on Chicago Housing Project

newly-formed organization, and John W. Hamilton of St. Louis, who calls himself national organizer.

SOUTH CHICAGO citizens were summoned to the meeting by leaflets calling on them to "learn the truth about race and mongrelization treason in the United States."

Even more sinister was a meeting earlier in the week of the South Deering Improvement Association, the organization of businessmen and landlords.

This meeting was called to hear a hate-inciting speech by Joseph Beauharnais, head of the notorious White Circle League.

BOTH of these meetings were planned to step up the mob violence against the Negro families living in the Trumbull Park federal housing project.

In preparation for such hoodlum attacks, landlords in the area have been carrying on a campaign for the withdrawal of police from the project who have been on duty there since the

first outbreak of violence on Aug. 9.

Beauharnais wound up his tirade against the Negro people by soliciting memberships in the White Circle League from among the 200 businessmen and real estate owners present.

The White Circle League chief-tain boasted about his mob-inciting activities in Cicero, Englewood and other places where violence was organized against Negro families.

BEAUHARNAIS called on

the audience to march on City Hall, armed with "banners and rolling pins."

He called for a show of hands and half of the audience indicated they were ready to march. Beauharnais pleaded for the kind of action that will show the city that "we mean business."

The South Deering Improvement Association is headed by Carl G. Buck, who has repeatedly appeared as a speaker before the hoodlum mobs near the Trumbull Park project.

White Methodist Pastor in N.C. Protests Daniels' Execution

Rev. David Andrews, a white Methodist minister of Greensboro, declared in a letter to the Greensboro Daily News protesting the execution of Lloyd Ray and Bennie Daniels, Negro cousins framed on a murder charge, that there "were real questions about their guilt."

The Daniels cousins were killed by the state of North Carolina last Nov. 8 ending a four-year fight to save their lives against a conviction and death sentence obtained in an atmosphere charged with racist hysteria.

The 28-year-old minister's letter called on his fellow-citizens to "work for that day when the innocent are fully protected and the guilty may be redeemed." He had fought during the past year for executive clemency based on the belief that the two condemned men were innocent.

His letter follows:

Editor of the Daily News:
In an interview I had with Gov. Umstead Oct. 26, before he announced his decision concerning the Daniels cousins case, the Governor made several points. He told me making life-

and-death decisions on capital cases was an extremely hard and painful job.

He then said that since the law of North Carolina requires the death sentence in these cases, if the jury does not recommend mercy, he could not conscientiously grant mercy unless he had real doubt about the person's guilt. He said the law places no limits on his power of mercy, but that in fairness to the capital punishment law he did not feel able to intervene for any reason except doubt of guilt.

Why did Gov. Umstead take such a conservative position? I do not know for sure. He could have said, since it is the law which gives me unlimited powers of mercy as well as a law which calls for the death penalty, the question is — which law will I put first in this case, the law of death or the law of mercy? The Governor was urged to choose the law of mercy, but he chose the law of death.

There were a number of reasons the Governor could have decided to put mercy first for the Daniels boys: (1) they were quite young—16 and 17 when convicted; (2) a number of sincere and responsible people had real questions about their guilt; (3) except for the confessions, all the evidence against the boys was highly circumstantial; (4) the confessions were gotten by police officials who took the boys out of town and held them a considerable time without access to family, friends, or legal aid; (5) there was some evidence (a woman's glove and coat) and some testimony (of a car which was said to have been seen entering the wooded road after the taxi did) that suggested the murdered man may have been involved in a love triangle; (6) no scientific reports on fingerprints or blood stains were submitted at the trial; (7) in any case, the boys' trial was never reviewed on the evidence by any court.

In the light of all this, why did the Governor choose the law of death over the law of mercy? I trust it was not because of any hardness of heart on his part.

The continuing source of error and death lies in the capital punishment law itself. This is the law which legalizes the primitive spirit of revenge—"an eye for an eye," even 2000 years after the new and immeasurably

greater words, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

The law of revenge and death needs to give way to the law of mercy and life. Let us work for that day when the innocent are fully protected and the guilty may be at least redeemed.

DAVID ANDREWS.
Greensboro.

NAACP Hits Army Okay of New Jimcrow School

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "vigorously" protested today against Maj. Gen. William S. Biddle's participation in a ceremony dedicating a segregated school at Fort Hood, Tex.

The NAACP, in a telegram to assistant defense secretary John A. Hannah, said Biddle's presence "gives the impression the Defense Department is fully in accord with this disgraceful form of humiliating colored military personnel by excluding their children from educational facilities on government property."

Biddle is commanding general of the First Armored Division based at Fort Hood.

A Pentagon spokesman said Hannah has requested explanations of why a new segregated school was erected at Hood and at Perrin Air Force base, near Sherman, Tex.

STRIKE FUND ASSESSMENT VOTED BY FUR LOCALS

Locals of the Furriers Joint Council, in membership meetings held Monday and Tuesday in Webster Hall, gave unanimous approval of their leaders for a day's pay assessment to finance a strike, if need be, when the current pact runs out.

The pact has more than a year to run, but the position of the Joint Council is that preparations to show a maximum strength should begin now.

The vote of the membership meetings followed reports and discussion from the floor. Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, addressed a number of the locals.

Both Gold and Joseph Winogradsky, manager of the Joint Council, warned the members at the meeting of the operators' locals to have no illusions on the likely position of the employers a year hence when negotiations get under way.

They felt certain that the employers' association will renew demands for the right to discharge workers and eliminate the present equal division of work rule; to cut wages, to return the ancient sweatshop contracting system in the industry and to cut vacation benefits.

On the other hand, they stressed the union's own urgent objectives for a strengthening of the contract on its enforcement provisions, minimum scales and other sections.

Winogradsky drew a depressing picture of employment in the industry. He cited figures showing employment was worse than in 1952 when many felt the bottom was reached. He said hundreds had not obtained enough work for

the year even to qualify for unemployment insurance.

Gold said the industry suffers from a crisis that really began in 1947, following its wartime boom. While many fur employers, he stated, are financially not well fixed to wage a struggle against the union, some among them feel they can take advantage of the situation to challenge the union.

Gold declared emphatically there would be no retreat by the union toward past conditions. He assailed George Meany, president of the AFL, for suggesting, in an interview in the magazine, U. S. News and World Reports, that if an economic decline gets underway, the AFL would even agree to wage cuts.

Gold spoke of the growing threat of McCarthyism that has now reached the point where ex-president Truman is a target. He also assailed a view, which he described as "leftist," expressed to him in letters, which criticized him for taking sides in the Brownell-Truman dispute. He declared he could not be indifferent in that struggle in face of the open fascist threats. He drew particularly heavy applause on that point.

The locals' meetings also approved a wire to Judge Richmond B. Keech, commanding him for his ruling barring the NLRB from carrying out its new policy of refusing certification to unions if any of its officers are indicted under the Taft-Hartley affidavit.

One Redbaiter Raps Another In Hollywood

LOS ANGELES.—"Most anti-Communists are ignorant people."

That was the analysis of columnist George Sokolsky, in town last week for a rapid, if profitable, anti-Communist spree. He was talking specifically about such anti-Communists as Hedda Hopper, whose passionate red-baiting of anything to the left of Joseph McCarthy, leaves Sokolsky with a twitch of sorts.

Cause of Sokolsky's nervousness was his ambition to recruit more renegades from the Communist Party for public repudiation of progressive causes. He believes that such people as Hedda Hopper do his cause harm, with their violent tirades against avowed renegades.

Sokolsky was joined in his press conference here by Roy Brewer, erstwhile labor leader, now on the management side at Allied Artists.

Brewer endorsed Sokolsky's appraisal of certain actors and writers who have "disavowed" their past connections with progressive causes.

"Now, you take Edward G. Robinson," said Sokolsky. "He is no more a Communist than Roy Brewer. But he gets hooked into things. When he gets unhooked, he's very useful."

AFL Unions Ask Fight On Undated Milk Plan

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Two AFL Teamsters locals warned here this week that the threat of undulant fever faces Chicago if the milk companies are allowed to abolish the dating of milk bottles.

The plea for citizens' support to block a move by the City Council to change the health laws was sounded by Peter Hoban, of the Milk Wagon Drivers Local 733 and Frank Gillespie of the Inside Dairy Workers Local 754.

The big dairies were successful earlier this year in abolishing the seven-day processing and delivery of milk over the objection of these unions.

To further increase their profits, the milk companies are seeking to abolish all control over the freshness of the milk.

Gillespie stressed "the danger of living in an area where the selling of undated milk prevails."

He said that the dairies are currently making their sixth attempt since 1940 to change the dating ordinance. In some cities which allow undated milk, he said, the companies keep peddling the milk until it is sold. Declared Gillespie:

"We think we are doing a

signal service for the children and older people particularly to see that they get what they are paying for—fresh pure milk."

BOTH union leaders called for protests to aldermen against the change in the ordinance. "We see a tremendous danger if this ordinance is thrown out," said Hoban.

He said that "a very vindictive campaign has been waged against the unions" by the dairy company because of the unions' opposition to the new undated milk scheme.

Hoban and Gillespie got the support of the entire Chicago Federation of Labor behind their fight. The CFL pointed out that due to the poor housing and lack of proper food storage and refrigeration facilities in many households, the sale of stale milk is a hazard for Chicago.

The CFL agreed to call on the City Council, Mayor Kennelly and Health Commissioner Bundeison to demand that the ordinance be left intact and that it be more rigidly enforced.

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CARL MARZANI, formerly with the State Dept., will speak on "Labor's Outlook Under the Eisenhower Administration." Sun., Nov. 29, 8:30 p.m. at the Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave.

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